

Acknowledgements

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BANKESIA CONSPURCATELLA (ZELL.) (LEP.: PSYCHIDAE) RECORDED IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE. — On 31st March 1985 at the edge of Thorne moors, South Yorkshire (VC63) Mr. M. Limbert noticed eight or ten small moths on thick sap covering a recently cut birch stump. He at first thought that the moths were stuck to the sap but closer inspection revealed that this did not seem to be the case. He collected two moths which he sent to me alive through the post.

I was convinced that they were *Bankesia conspurcatella* (Zell.) (*staintoni* (Wals.)) but as, according to the literature available to me, the species had occurred in Britain only in Hampshire at the end of the last century I prepared a genitalia slide from one of the moths and sent it to Rev. D. J. L. Agassiz who kindly confirmed my determination. In his reply Rev. Agassiz mentioned that there have been recent records from Kent and the Channel Islands, nevertheless the present record represents a considerable northward extension of the range of this, apparently elusive, moth. H. E. BEAUMONT, 7 Brampton Road, West Melton, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, S63 6AN.

ELACHISTA LITTORICOLA LE MARCHAND IN 1985. — The area where I first took this species (see *Ent. Rec.*, 95:65) was bulldozed and covered with gravel last year. On 4th June 1985, I visited the site with Mr. E. C. Pelham-Clinton and Dr. J. R. Langmaid. We were delighted to find a flourishing colony on the remaining grassy bank. We managed to catch their flight time — mid afternoon — and watched them climbing up grass stems of red fescue and flying freely. We have seen at least 40 specimens. — E. H. WILD, 7 Abbots Close, Highclidde, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 5BH, 8.vi.1985.